

the recent fall in prices, yet the revenue is found short, because the amount of taxes is smaller in proportion to the reduced income of the people. Thus inconveniently situated the government seem to have come alive to the necessity of adopting a more economical course of administration. According to the report extensive changes are under contemplation to render the administration more economical. The dismissal of a large number of officials and clerks. Considering the fact that numbers of new officials have been continuously added to the already large number of the past few years, such changes will be attended with good results.

We regret to learn that Dr. Divers, the respected professor at the Imperial College of Engineering in Tokio, has died of a severe accident. As there is much speculation as to the nature and probable effects of the injuries received, it seems best to state the exact particulars, so far as we have been able to procure them. Dr. Divers had taken a bottle supposed to contain phosphorus, but, finding the stopper was watertight, he heated the glass to release it, when suddenly the glass exploded as gas and the bottle as dust. Dr. Divers was nearly suffocated by the fumes, and might have died, so if water had not been plentifully at hand. The supposition is that the perchloride of phosphorus being old had suffered decomposition resulting in the formation of explosive substances, probably hydrochloric acid, gas, &c. Dr. Divers' chief trouble is confined to one eye, which is not yet in a fit condition to be examined for particles of glass, and strong hopes are entertained that sight will be restored, hope, we all share. The Japanese papers have published some silly and exaggerated accounts of the accident, one saying that the professor was shocked to the students on electricity, when the machine, &c., co. The power of electricity is supposed to be infinite, but it has not yet succeeded in bursting the machine which generated it. Dr. Divers was at work upon a paper on the theory of acids when the accident occurred. —*Japan Gazette.*

HAKODATE.

1st December. Yesterday, Sunday morning, a few minutes before 1 o'clock, the fire broke out in Main-street, and although only a few houses were blowing at the time the flames spread so rapidly, that no control until about half past 3 o'clock owing to the insufficiency of available fire engines. The number of houses destroyed is estimated at about eighty, and the damage done must be very considerable as the building of the Yamaoka Bank is included, besides several other small fire-proof houses. A stone square was laid in ashes bounded by a stone wall, and by a Telegraph Office, a substantial two story building, and another somewhat in the rear and a few houses in elevated position by Messrs. Hanson & Co. Hong. Both the last named buildings were saved, though Messrs. Hanson & Co.'s place had a narrow escape.

An official enquiry into the origin of the fire, and the conduct results is being held to-day, and as the fire was of a sudden, it is difficult to be of more than ordinary interest. I shall give you some particulars as soon as ascertainable, and refrain from mentioning present and future remarks about the fire as we have been burnt since it took place.

On Saturday morning Hakodate awoke to a scene of winter in sober earnest, 18 inches of snow having fallen during the night; and we were not prepared to see the surrounding hills clad with snow continually until the end of March, 1882.

Our harbour yesterday presented quite a gray appearance owing to the unusually large number of steamers in port. Unfortunately the business here does not warrant such a large display of tonnage, as the greater number of vessels calling here are but comparatively small quantities of coal, &c., &c. The steamer *Yokohama*, a two story building, and another somewhat in the rear and a few houses in elevated position by Messrs. Hanson & Co. Hong. Both the last named buildings were saved, though Messrs. Hanson & Co.'s place had a narrow escape.

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(Signed) —*Vincent A. Wills.*

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HOUSES in SPRING GARDENS, ModerateRental. GODDOWNS in FLETCHER'S BUILDINGS,
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HOUSE No. 8, LADDER STREET TERRACE.

Apply to A. DE AZEVEDO,
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Road, with Dwelling-house above and Godown
on Ground floor. To be let either in conjunction
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Hongkong Dispensary,
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In Cases of 90 Quarts at \$7.00.
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Tonnage 228 Gross, 186 Net.For Particulars, apply to the CAPTAIN on
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